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"On behalf of KWWL, I want the Drake University community to know that we regret the inconvenience we have caused."

Waterbury declined to elaborate on the statement.

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Station to pay for entry /25 into computer

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Sioux City Journal

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The TV station, for a report on computer hacking, secured the assistance of men who knew how to gain entry to computers without the owner's permission. The station ran a story about the situation but, worried that the "hackers" would go

too far, alerted the university to the breach of its computer security.

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TV station will pay Drake in 'hacking' incident

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Damages paid for 'hacking'

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The amateurs were able to get unauthorized entry into the system by using an access code, which they apparently got from an unidentified student.

"We've taken steps to increase security and prevent future unauthorized access to our computers," Miller said. "But we also are making sure access is easy for education programs and other helpful programs on our phone lines."

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Hacker expenses to be paid

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